

meyer, John G. Wilson, James Coudy, Patrick Broidrick, and Robert Bridges, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, with power to supply any vacancy that may occur in their body, by death, resignation, or otherwise; that is to say, they, or a majority of them, after giving at least fifteen days' notice, by publication in such newspapers and by such other mode as they, in their discretion, shall deem most conducive to the interest of their enterprise, shall or may open a book or books, at such place or places as they may designate, for raising subscriptions to the capital stock, to construct a bridge across the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and the Potomac River, at Hancock, Washington county, in the State of Maryland; and thereupon they or any number of their board, not less than three, shall proceed to receive subscriptions for the capital stock of the company by this act incorporated, the said capital stock to consist of and be limited to thirty thousand dollars, to be divided into one thousand two hundred shares, of twenty-five dollars each; and the said book or books shall be kept open for three consecutive days, and as much longer as the said commissioners, or a majority of them, may deem prudent; and in case of an excess of subscription, the commissioners shall deduct from the largest, in such manner that no one shall be reduced while any remains larger; and if the whole number of shares shall not have been subscribed for within the time the said book or books may be kept open for that purpose, then the said commissioners shall and may proceed to again open a book or books, at such other time or times, and place or places, as they may deem proper, for the purpose of receiving subscriptions for the remaining number of the shares of the capital stock of the said company, in the manner, and after giving the notice of the time and place, as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That so soon as eight hundred shares of the capital stock of the company, created by this act, shall have been subscribed, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall call a meeting of the subscribers, to said capital stock, who shall proceed, either in person or by proxy, to the election, by ballot, of one president and six directors, from among their own body, to manage the affairs of said company, for one year from

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